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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of ::
Kouichi Miyamoto, et al. :: Confirmation No. 4304
Serial No. 09/647,833 :: Art Unit: 3761
Filed: October 5, 2000 :: Examiner: J. Stephens
For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE ::
HAVING REINFORCED EAR PANELS ::
P&G Case AA307F ::

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the pending claims according to the clean version of the entire set of pending claims herewith submitted in a single paper in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). Each amended claim therein rewritten is indicated by the parenthetical expression "amended" following the claim number, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of each rewritten claim marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the amended claim. As stated in 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3), each claim in the clean version not accompanied by a marked up version constitutes an assertion that it has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version.